

22. (Amended) Packaged brittle food-stuff produced by the method as claimed  
in claim 1.

### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to make clarifying revisions to the claims in accordance with U.S. practice. No narrowing of the claims scope is intended.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

In the event there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME COMISKY & MCCAULEY LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (000026.00031). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this report, Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE****In the claims:**

Claim 21 has been cancelled.

Claims 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 17-22 have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2 [or 3], wherein at least two strips of sealed pouches are arranged in the carton.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4 [or Claim 5], wherein the at least two strips of sealed pouches are releasably attached to one another.

7. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein at least one pleat is formed in the tube so that the pouches are expandable.

9. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein the pouches in each strip are substantially the same size.

10. (Amended) A method as claim in claim [any one of the preceding claims]1, wherein each pouch is substantially cuboidal in shape.

12. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein the sealing is by means of heat.

13. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein the sealing is by means of an adhesive.

14. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein the tube is formed of plastics material.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of packaging goods comprising the steps of forming a tube, forming a first seal at a lower end of the tube, feeding a pre-determined amount of the goods to be packaged into the tube, forming a second seal in the tube at a pre-determined distance above the first seal, repeating the steps of feeding the goods and sealing along the tube to form a strip of sealed pouches containing the goods and inserting the strip of sealed pouches into a carton.

15. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim[s] 1 [to 13], wherein the tube is formed of waxed paper.

16. (Amended) A method as claim in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein printed matter is applied to each pouch of the strip of pouches.

17. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, [any one of the preceding claims] wherein perforations are formed between each pouch of the strip of pouches to enable separation of the pouches from one another.

22. (Amended) Packaged brittle food-stuff produced by the method as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims].